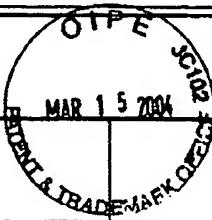


**COMBINED AMENDMENT & PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF
TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a) (Large Entity)**

Docket No.
112843-039

In Re Application Of: Germond et al.



Serial No.
10/019,817

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Examiner
K. Kerr

Group Art Unit

Invention: THE LACTOSE OPERON OF LACTOBACILLUS DELBRUEKII AND ITS USE FOR CONTROLLING GENE TRANSCRIPTION AND/OR EXPRESSION IN BACTERIAL CELLS

TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

This is a combined amendment and petition under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a response to the Office Action of September 11, 2003 in the above-identified application.

The requested extension is as follows (check time period desired):

One month Two months Three months Four months Five months

from: December 11, 2003 until: March 11, 2004

The fee for the amendment and extension of time has been calculated as shown below:

CLAIMS AS AMENDED

	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST # PREV. PAID FOR	NUMBER EXTRA CLAIMS PRESENT	RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
TOTAL CLAIMS	17 -	20 =	0	x \$18.00	\$0.00
INDEP. CLAIMS	4 -	4 =	0	x \$86.00	\$0.00
FEE FOR AMENDMENT					\$0.00
FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME					\$950.00
TOTAL FEE FOR AMENDMENT AND EXTENSION OF TIME					\$950.00

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